

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of: ) Date: March 16, 2004  
Liu et al. )  
Serial No. ----- ) Art Unit: ---  
Filed: March 16, 2004 )  
For: **BLENDED POWDER SOLID-** )  
    **SUPERSOLIDUS LIQUID** )  
    **PHASE SINTERING** )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.115 and 1.121, please amend the instant application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are presented on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** are presented on page 17 of this paper.